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I send greetings to all those celebrating the 232nd birthday of the United States Army.

Since our Nation's founding, members of the United States Army have answered the call to serve in America's times of need. These brave citizens have triumphed over brutal enemies, liberated continents, and answered the prayers of millions around the globe. From Valley Forge, across Europe and Asia, and in Afghanistan and Iraq, our soldiers have made great sacrifices so that others could live in freedom.

Today, courageous and selfless patriots from every corner of our Nation continue this proud tradition as they fight to uphold the ideals that make our country a beacon of freedom and hope. These fine Americans are answering the call of duty and carrying out an urgent and noble mission with valor and unrelenting determination. They are taking their rightful place among the heroes of our country's history, and their dedication makes every American proud.

On behalf of a grateful Nation, I thank the members of the United States Army and Army veterans for protecting our citizens and laying a foundation of peace for generations to come. All of us who live in liberty live in your debt, and we will never forget your service and sacrifice.

Laura and I send our best wishes. May God bless you and your families, and may God bless America.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George W. Bush", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.